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SUBJ: SITREP 2100 SEPTEMBER 6 - LIBYA

REF: TRIPOLI 2251

1. PURSUIT OF NORMALCY: TRIPOLI SECTION RCC ASSEMBLED ALL ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARIES RESIDENT HERE AND INSTRUCTED THEM TO ORDER STAFFS THEIR MINISTRIES BACK

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TO WORK BEGINNING TOMORROW. MORNING NEWSPAPERS REPORTED RCC IS EXPECTED APPOINT FULL SLATE OF MINISTERS "SOON" WHO WILL RUN GOVERNMENT UNDER DIRECTION RCC. BENGHAZI SECTION RCC ORDERED BENGHAZI BUSES TO RESUME OPERATION IMMEDIATELY. CURFEW WAS LIFTED FOR TWELVE HOURS. MOST SHOPS IN DOWNTOWN TRIPOLI WERE OPEN; FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES WERE READILY AVAILABLE. INAS WAS ORDERED RESUME OPERATIONS, METEROLOGICAL STAFF TO RETURN TO WORK, AND PORT WORKERS TO REPORT FOR DUTY SEPTEMBER 7. SEVERAL SHIPS WERE PERMITTED TO ENTER HARBOR DURING NIGHT, BUT NO OFF-LOADING AS YET UNDERWAY. SHELL TANKER PERMITTED DEPART MID-MORNING. IN SHARP CONTRAST MOST SIGNS OF RETURN ROUTINE ACTIVITY, OVEREAGER SOLDIER KILLED INNOCENT LIBYAN BYSTANDER ON TRIPOLI STREET IN GUN BATTLE WITH INDIVIDUAL REPORTED TO BE OLD REGIME CID OFFICER.

2. RCC CONTINUED TO EMPHASIZE NEED FOR PROTECTION FOREIGN RESIDENTS. UNIDENTIFIED RCC SPOKESMAN STRESSED POINT IN PRESS INTERVIEW, AND OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT LIFTING CURFEW EXPLICITLY UNDERSCORED POINT AGAIN. DESPITE REGIME'S EXHORTATIONS, HOWEVER, INCIDENTS ZOE OCCURRED: UK EMBASSY ONCE AGAIN TODAY HAD TO PROTEST TO RCC RAPE OF BRITISH WOMEN BY ARMED SOLDIERS.

3. NEWSMEN REPORT NO INTERFERENCE OR EVEN "GUIDANCE" ON PART OF REGIME SO FAR. PAPERS PUBLISHED YESTERDAY AND TODAY REFLECT ONLY PROFESSIONAL NEWS JUDGMENT OF JOURNALISTS.

4. LAR RADIO BROADCAST HAYKAL STORY RE DELIVERY 12-16 PHANTOMS AT 1330, AND BEEFED UP STORY AT 1500 WITH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT. 1730 NEWSCAST, HOWEVER, OMITTED COMPLETELY ANY MENTION PHANTOMS. IN WHAT APPEARED BE PARALLEL PRECAUTIONARY MOVE, ARMY GUARD ON CHANCERY SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHENED LATE AFTER-NOON.

5. FOREIGN RELATIONS: CHARGE INFORMED TRIPOLI SECTION RCC OF US DECISION RECOGNIZE LAR. SIMILAR APPROACH MADE LATER BY OIC BENGHAZI. FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ANNOUNCED RECOGNITION LAR TODAY: UNITED

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KINGDOM, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, YUGOSLAVIA, NORTH VIETNAM, FRANCE, TUNISIA, AND JORDAN. IRAQI DELEGATION DEPARTED AFTER EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS AND SUPPORT TO BENGHAZI SECTION RCC.

6. OLD REGIME PERSONALITIES: ROUND-UP CONTINUED. ESSO DIRECTOR AWNI DAJAANI AND LABOR UNDERSECRETARY MARYIAMI WERE ARRESTED DURING PAST 24 HOURS. RADIO LAR ON OTHER HAND DENIED QUEEN'S ADOPTED DAUGHTER AND SECRETARY WERE BEING DETAINED; STATED THEY BEING "PROTECTED". [redacted] 8 (E)

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